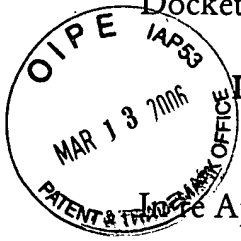


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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated January 12, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Ngo for allowing claims 1-21, 23-26 and 31 in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant recognizes the statements on page 4 of the Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance. However, Applicant cannot acknowledge these statements for the purposes of prosecution history estoppel, as they do not correspond to the recitations of other independent claims word-for-word. Further,

Applicant respectfully submits that each dependent claim is allowable for at least the additionally recited features therein. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that a combination of features less than the entire claims may define patentable subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the scope of the allowed claims should not be limited by the Examiner's statements.

Respectfully submitted,
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